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From: Raymond W. Campbell

RE: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/863,594  
PROCESS AND A FLUFFER DEVICE FOR TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK  
SUSPENSION  
Our Ref: VOI0189.US

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
Dr. Jörg Rheims, et al. ) Group: 1731  
Serial No.: 09/863,894 )  
Filed: May 23, 2001 )  
Title: A PROCESS AND A FLUFFER DEVICE ) Examiner: M. Alvo  
FOR TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK )  
SUSPENSION )

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL SHEET

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	32	MINUS	32	0	x \$ 9 x \$18	0.00
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FEE FOR MULTIPLE CLAIMS \$130/\$260						
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Responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment.

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 20-32 having been withdrawn and claims 1-19 rejected in an Office Action designated as Final. Since all rejections are now based on new combinations of references, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks with regard to the new combinations of references.

Claims 1-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious from the teaching of U.S. Patent 5,223,090 (Klungness et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 5,810,973 (Carlsmith et al.) and U.S. Patent 4,510,120 (Green et al.).

Claims 1-19 have also been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious from the teaching of U.S. Patent 6,355,138 (Doelle) in the view of Green et al.

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